Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House, representatives of the Maryland Economic Development Commission, and representatives of the business community. The study panel shall review the consolidation of the Department's current financing funds and financing funding models. The Department shall report to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee on the study panel's recommendations and shall provide draft legislation, as necessary, by December 1, 1999, to allow for consideration during the 2000 legislative session of the General Assembly.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1999. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2001, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 13, 1999.

CHAPTER 302

(Senate Bill 719)

AN ACT concerning

Procurement Practices Improvement Act of 1999

FOR the purpose of requiring procurement officers to maintain certain records and document certain information; authorizing procurement officers to disclose only specified information; defining certain terms; authorizing the Attorney General to institute proceedings to debar certain persons under certain circumstances; altering certain definitions; prohibiting certain persons from accepting certain gifts; and generally relating to public ethics and procurement.

BY adding to

Article – State Finance and Procurement Section 13-202 Annotated Code of Maryland (1995 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Finance and Procurement Section 13-211, 16-303, and 16-304 Annotated Code of Maryland (1995 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Government Section 15-102(n), 15-501, and 15-502 Annotated Code of Maryland